

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Sam has been on dialysis for two years. He is an excellent candidate for a kidney transplant, but a suitable donor has not been found. His brother Keith, deployed by the military, has finally finished his tour of duty. He has decided to end his military career. His first goal is to visit his brother Sam.

While visiting Sam, Keith decided to be tested to see if he was a donor match. The results came back indicating that Keith was a perfect match. Keith immediately volunteered to donate one of his kidney's to be implanted in Sam. The surgeries occurred. Both were successful. Sam and Keith are doing well.

Keith gave not only a kidney to Sam, but also a gift of love. His brotherly love for Sam motivated him to give up one of his healthy kidneys to save his brother's life. Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Keith certainly demonstrated a deep love for his brother, But, Keith did not have to give up his life to save Sam's. Both were able to live healthy lives.

Jesus, on the other hand, demonstrated love for you that goes beyond any act of love you have ever received. He gave more than a lung, kidney or even heart. He gave His life that you might receive the gift of eternal life. And, Jesus' death in your behalf did not just save you, but was sufficient for the salvation of all people for all times.

There are superlatives. And, then there are superlatives. The love of Jesus is all encompassing. His love for sinners is in a class by itself. Keith's gift to Sam enabled Sam to live many more years. Jesus' gift of His sacrificial death on Calvary enable's you and all who believe in Him to live forever. No greater love exists than the love Jesus has shown You.

Prayer: Thank You Jesus for Your sacrificial love for me!

How can I thank You, Lord, For all your loving kindness,
That you have patiently Borne me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy god, Your anger ev'ry day.

It is Your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.

Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exaltation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank You Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.

Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart To serve You willingly.

O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.
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